

occasion to celebrate this day and honor their heroes, martyrs and intellectuals who shed their blood for freedom of their country from the Spanish Crown.

This year to celebrate the 180th anniversary of the Independence of Peru, an outdoor celebration is being held portraying a civic ceremony and a childrens' soccer tournament. A traveling team of eighteen Peruvian boys under the age of twelve are flying in from Lima, Peru and will play against Cleveland and Columbus teams. There will also be a group of students from Pittsburgh, LACU who will present dance and music performances.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in commemorating this festive affair to show our support of this Peruvian celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE HOUSTON MINORITY BUSINESS COUNCIL'S EXPO 2001

**HON. KEN BENTSEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 27, 2001*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Houston Minority Business Council's EXPO 2001. As Texas' largest minority business development trade fair, EXPO provides a forum for major corporations to identify and build relationships with capable and dependable minority businesses and suppliers. This year's business forum will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2001 at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

For many years, EXPO has served as a multi-faceted network linking Minority Business Enterprises (MBES) with leaders of major corporations. MBES utilize EXPO as an efficient and productive means of connecting with key purchasing personnel and decision makers at major corporations. Corporations take advantage of this networking opportunity, using it as a tool to distribute personalized information on doing business with their companies. EXPO allows MBES to gain valuable insights into both the local and national strategies of major corporations. Featuring approximately 200 major corporations and government agencies, EXPO prides itself in its ability to spur the development of minority businesses by bringing together minority businesses and corporate executives.

As a result of the Houston Minority Business Council's EXPO 2000, more than 2,000 participants were afforded the opportunity to furnish new business contacts and promote economic opportunity for their businesses. MBES made an average of 23 sales calls from which 44 percent reported instantaneous results. On average, at least two-thirds of participants reported the establishment of new business relationships that totaled as high as \$2 million in eight months. EXPO 2001 promises to be an even more successful event.

James Postal, of Penzoll Quaker State, will serve as this year's Honorary Chair. As in the past, participants can look forward to the stimulating and insightful remarks from the event's keynote speaker, Harriet Michel, President of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), a private non-profit organi-

zation that expands business opportunities to minority-owned companies. Her expertise on minority businesses and the issues they are facing will make her an interesting and exciting addition to the convention.

Mr. Speaker, the Houston Minority Business Council serves the important function of incorporating minority businesses in local and national commerce. Their mission, "to actively involve [their] members in efforts that will increase and expand business opportunity and business growth for minority business enterprises," is vital to the promotion and expansion of minority business opportunities. I applaud the efforts of the Houston Minority Business Council and look forward to another successful event.

DEDICATION OF THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 27, 2001*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the dedication taking place today in my district of more than 60 miles of the infamous Pacific Coast Highway as the Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway. I regret that the House schedule prevents me from joining in the dedication ceremony, but wanted to share the remarks I had planned to make.

As this long stretch of road is dedicated to our Vietnam Veterans, the analogy of this road to a ribbon seems appropriate.

Roads sometimes divide, but this ribbon of road is designed to unite. It stretches seamlessly and ties the diverse communities that comprise the South Bay into one.

This ribbon of road is intended to heal, despite the divisiveness of the war itself. Just as this road embraces people from every walk of life, so too do we continue to embrace our soldiers, sailors and airmen.

This ribbon is intended to honor. Like the yellow ribbon used to signal our eternal hope of homecoming, this ribbon of road is dedicated not just to those who served and returned from Vietnam, but also to those who remain missing or unaccounted for.

But, while this ribbon of road is well-traveled and familiar, for those of us of the Vietnam generation, the war has started to recede—perhaps too quickly. What is our memory is now history to a sizable portion of our citizenry. Not only do they fail to understand the historic context of that war, they also fail to appreciate those who served.

Designating this highway will provide a constant and continuing reminder of the valor and sacrifice of the men and women who served in Vietnam. It will be a tribute—a memorial—a symbol to a not-so-distant period in our Nation's history.

Like a ribbon, it will bind our community in a collective expression of appreciation—of love—of gratitude—of remembrance.

Today's dedication ceremony is the result of the hard work of the members of the Vietnam

Veterans of America Chapter 53, who first suggested to California State Assemblyman George Nakano the designation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway. Assemblyman Nakano was able to secure the passage of the appropriate state legislation to authorize this designation, while VVA Chapter 53 helped raise the private funding necessary to post signage along the way.

I commend the joint efforts of Assemblyman Nakano and VVA Chapter 53 and welcome the inauguration of the Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

WALTER B. DORSEY A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 27, 2001*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, former Maryland State Senator and St. Mary's County, Maryland State's Attorney Walter B. Dorsey is being honored Saturday, July 28, 2001, at the Anniversary Crabfeast of the newspaper ST. MARYS TODAY for a Lifetime of Public Service.

Senator Dorsey is a third generation member of the Maryland General Assembly, having been preceded in service by his father, the late Circuit Court Judge Phillip H. Dorsey, who was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1930 and 1934 and by his grandfather, Walter B. Dorsey, who was elected to the House of Delegates in 1911. Senator Dorsey was elected to the Maryland Senate in 1958 representing St. Mary's County, as was his father who was elected to the same seat in 1926. The late Judge Dorsey also served as a delegate to the Maryland Constitutional Convention in 1967.

Senator Dorsey was first elected St. Mary's County State's Attorney in 1954 after serving in the U. S. Army in Korea in the Judge Advocate General Corps. and won election again in 1982, 1986, 1990 and 1994 when he retired from office. Senator Dorsey also served as Deputy Maryland Public Defender during the administration of Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel. He has also maintained a law practice between his service as Public Defender and State's Attorney and at this time is of counsel to his firm headed by his son Phillip H. Dorsey II as well as being engaged in the operation of Checker's Restaurants in Virginia and Maryland as a franchise owner. Senator Dorsey also owned and published the newspaper St. Mary's Journal in Leonardtown, Maryland from 1958 to 1961 as well as a doing a brief stint in the bakery business and developing the attractive waterfront new home community on Breton Bay known as Mulberry Point.

Senator Dorsey is married to his lovely wife of 28 years, Brenda B. Dorsey. Senator Dorsey has three sons and one daughter, Phillip, John Michael, Paul and Helen from his first marriage to the former Jeanne Duke Dorsey Mandel and two daughters he has raised with his wife Brenda, Sheryl and Suzanne.